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THE HEALTH
of
SAFFRON WALDEN
RURAL DISTRICT
in the year
1969

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being the
ANNUAL REPORT

of the
Medical Officer of Health

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Medical Officer of Health, Saffron Walden Rural District Council;
Medical Officer of Health, Borough of Saffron Walden;
Area Medical Officer, Essex County Council, West Essex Health Area.

together with the

REPORT

of the

Chief Public Health Inspector

A. ARMES, F.R.S.H., F.A.P.H.I.

Chief Public Health Inspector
Saffron Walden Rural District Council

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SAFFRON WALDEN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
69, High Street,
Saffron Walden.

To the Chairman and Members of Saffron Walden Rural District
Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Report for 1969 concerning the health of Saffron Walden Rural District.

The Registrar General's estimated mid-year population of 19,880 shows a small increase amounting to 140 over the previous year. This is almost exactly accounted for by the excess of births over deaths and suggests that few families moved into Saffron Walden R.D.C. during the year. The statistics for deaths show little change from 1968.

Of the infectious disease notifications, measles, dysentery and infective hepatitis were responsible for an increase over the previous year. The measles vaccination scheme was seriously affected by shortage of vaccine which continued throughout the year. In spite of this the cases notified were not as many as in an epidemic year, probably because of the beneficial effect of measles vaccination the year before.

There was one case of dysentery in a residential nursery. The nursery was visited and tests on the staff and other children showed extensive infection. A regime of strict hygiene with disinfection of hands and utensils quickly cleared the infection and it is pleasing to report that apart from the one sick child none of the other residents or members of the staff became ill.

There was a small outbreak of infective jaundice in June and July centred on a village primary school. The cases notified were of children attending the school and their families. Jaundice is usually a mild infection in children but adults may suffer a long and troublesome disease. The virus which causes it multiplies in the intestine and can be transferred directly from an infected child to his classmates and his family. In day schools the only useful measures to adopt are strict care with hand washing and children are asked not to bring food to the school or share sweets with their friends. Other measures have been used successfully in boarding schools and institutions. Fortunately the chain of infection was broken by the long summer holidays and no more cases occurred the following term.

It remains for me to record my appreciation to the staff of the Rural District Council and in doing so to mention particularly the Clerk and Chief Public Health Inspector for the help and advice they have given me on many occasions.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,
J.A. SLATTERY,
Medical Officer of Health

SECTION A

PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES

1. General Practitioner Services

These are provided by ten doctors who practice from surgery premises within the Rural District and by over twenty other practitioners from Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire including Bishop's Stortford, Saffron Walden Borough and neighbouring parts of Essex.

2. Hospital Services

These services are provided by hospitals in the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board and the North-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board. The hospitals which serve the Rural District are those in Saffron Walden, Cambridge, Newmarket and Bishop's Stortford.

Certain special facilities are provided as follows:-

Cases of Infectious Diseases requiring hospital care are admitted to Brookfields Hospital, Cambridge.

Maternity Cases are accommodated at Newmarket General Hospital, Cambridge Maternity Hospital and Herts & Essex Hospital, Bishop's Stortford.

Geriatric Units in charge of a Consultant Geriatrician have been established at Chesterton Hospital, Cambridge, Herts & Essex Hospital, Bishop's Stortford and St. James' Hospital, Saffron Walden and six beds are reserved for geriatric patients at Saffron Walden General Hospital. Particular attention is paid to rehabilitation.

Chest Clinics serving the Rural District are available at Saffron Walden General Hospital; Castle Hill, Cambridge and the Herts & Essex Hospital, Bishop's Stortford.

Treatment of Venereal Diseases is provided at the Clinic at Adderbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge and at the Herts & Essex Hospital, Bishop's Stortford.

3. Essex County Council Health Services

Apart from Ambulance and Mental Health Service, these are administered on an area basis, the Saffron Walden Rural District comes within the West Essex Health Area.

The Area Office is situated at Moot House Annexe, The Stow, Harlow (Tel: Harlow 25331). The following services and clinics are provided:-

Health Visiting This service exists particularly to advise mothers concerning the health of their children especially those under school age. The health visitor has, in addition to a wide nursing training, specialised training and experience which equips her to deal with many other social problems concerning the family and also the elderly and tuberculous.

The Health Visitors serving the Rural District are at present:- Mrs. R. Hurst, Miss E.F. Jones, Miss A. Nicolle and Mrs. P. Patteson. They are based at the

Essex County Council Health Services Clinic, 69 High Street, Saffron Walden, Tel: Saffron Walden 2194 and have a Branch Office at Fargrave House, Stansted, Tel: Stansted 2055.

District Nurse and Midwifery These services are carried out by the following District Nurse/Midwives resident in the Rural District:-

Mrs. P.G. Clare, Nurses House, Gt. Sampford (Gt. Sampford 222)
 Mrs. V. Cook, 10 Rookery Close, Gt. Chesterford (Gt. Chesterford 517)
 Miss M.K. Everett, Nurses Bungalow, Elsenham (Stansted 2304)
 Mrs. A. King, 9 Spencers Road, Gt. Chesterford (Gt. Chesterford 495)
 Mrs. M.I. Lewis, 17 Croasdaile Road, Stansted (Stansted 3050)
 Mrs. A. Molineux, 'Woodcroft', Cambridge Road, Stansted (Stansted 2180)
 Mrs. F. Patmore, 1 Rainsford Road, Stansted (Stansted 3256)
 Miss K.R. Vinall, 'Ladram', Thaxted Road, Wimbish (Radwinter 430)
 Mrs. J. Wheeler, 6 Mailers Lane, Manuden (Stansted 2348)

Home Help Service and Neighbourly Help Service

Applications for these services should be made to the Area Medical Officer, West Essex Area Health Office, Moot House Annexe, The Stow, Harlow Tel: Harlow 25331. The organiser for the Saffron Walden area is Mrs. I.R. Lanham.

Relaxation Classes for expectant mothers are held by appointment at Saffron Walden and Stansted.

Care of Children up to School Age Child Health sessions in the Rural District are held normally from 2 - 4 p.m. as follows:-

ASHDON	..	..	Baptist School Room	..	4th Tuesday
CHRISHALL	..	..	Methodist Church Hall	..	2nd Thursday
CLAVERING	..	..	Village Hall	..	3rd Thursday
DEBDEN	..	..	Memorial Hall	..	4th Wednesday
"	..	..	R.A.F. Debden	..	1st Thursday
ELSENHAM	..	..	Parish Hall	..	1st Friday
GT. CHESTERFORD	..	..	Village Institute	..	1st Wednesday
GT. SAMPFORD	..	..	Village Hall	..	1st Thursday
HADSTOCK	..	..	Village Hall	..	4th Thursday
NEWPORT	..	..	Village Hall	..	2nd Wednesday
SAFFRON WALDEN	..	..	County Health Services Clinic, 69 High Street	..	Every Friday
STANSTED	..	..	The Quaker Hall	..	Every Wednesday
WIDDINGTON	..	..	Village Hall	..	3rd Tuesday

Facilities are available either by the family doctor or at the Clinics for immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, measles and poliomyelitis.

Cervical Cytology Clinic By appointment at the Health Services Clinic, 69 High Street, Saffron Walden.

Health of the School Child Routine medical inspections are carried out in this area on school entrants. For other age groups a selective scheme exists. Special examinations are carried out as required. School children can be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus and poliomyelitis. Children of secondary school age can be given B.C.G. vaccination.

Dental Service Treatment for school children is given at 69, High Street, Saffron Walden and inspections are carried out in schools.

Chiropody Clinics for the elderly, physically handicapped and ante-natal mothers are held at Stansted, Manuden and Saffron Walden, by appointment.

The Mental Health and Ambulance Services are administered directly by the County Medical Officer, Health Department, 85-89, New London Road, Chelmsford.

Mental Welfare Officers for the West Essex Area are based at Harlow and can be contacted during normal office hours at Harlow 27421, at other times the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow 26791 will be able to give the name and telephone number of the Mental Welfare Officer on emergency call.

A Combined Training Centre for mentally handicapped children and adults is situated in Station Street, Saffron Walden.

A day and night Ambulance Service is provided and there is an Ambulance Station at Saffron Walden.

Persons requiring an ambulance in an emergency should dial '999' and ask for an ambulance (where there is no dialling system it is sufficient to lift the receiver and ask for an ambulance).

Non emergency calls are only accepted from a hospital, a doctor or nurse, or other competent person, such as a mental welfare officer. Calls should be made to Chelmsford 51131.

4. Laboratory Service

Bacteriological services for the Rural District are provided by the Public Health Laboratory, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge.

SECTION BSTATISTICS1. GENERAL

Area (acres)	..	..	..	..	..	..	78,223
Population (Registrar General's estimate for mid-year 1969) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19,880
Population (Census 1961) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,140
Rateable value (April 1st, 1969) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£666,301
Sum represented by Penny Rate (year ended 31.3.69) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£2,693
Number of inhabited houses ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,211
Density of Persons per acre ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.25
Density of Houses per acre ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.09
Average number of occupants per house ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.76

2. VITAL STATISTICS

(a) Live Births (total) ..	..	..	..	..	..	343
		<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>		
Legitimate ..	..	163		167		
Illegitimate ..	..	5		8		
(b) Live Birth rate per 1,000 population:-						
Crude Rate ..	..	..	..	..	..	17.3
Adjusted Rate ..	..	..	..	..	..	19.4
(Comparability Factor 1.12)						
Rate for England and Wales ..	..	..	..	..	..	16.3
(c) Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births ..					..	4
(d) Stillbirths Rate						
Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and still births ..	..	..	..	..	..	12
(e) Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year)	..				..	3
Infant mortality rate (deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births)	..				..	9
Infant mortality rate for England and Wales ..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Neonatal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births)	..				..	3
Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 live and stillbirths)	..				..	14
(f) Maternal mortality ..	..	..	..	..	..	NIL
(g) Total deaths all ages ..	..	..	..	..	..	208
(h) Death rate per 1,000 population:-						
Crude Rate ..	..	..	..	..	..	10.5
Adjusted Rate						
(Comparability Factor 0.90) ..	..	..	..	..	..	9.5
Rate for England and Wales ..	..	..	..	..	..	11.9

MORTALITY TABLE

Cause of death	Sex	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	1- 5- 15- 25- 35- 45- 55- 65- 75 & over	Total All Ages
Enteritis & other diarrhoeal diseases	M F	- -	1 -	- -	1 -
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M F	- -	- -	- -	1 3
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	M F	- -	- -	2 -	6 3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M F	- -	- -	1 4	8 1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	M F	- -	- -	- 1	- 2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	F	-	-	1	4
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	M	-	-	-	1
Leukaemia	M	-	-	1	1
Other malignant neoplasms	M F	- -	- -	2 1	8 4
Benign & unspecified neoplasms	M	-	-	1	1
Diabetes mellitus	M F	- -	- -	1 -	2 2
Other diseases of nervous system, etc.	F	-	-	1	1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	M F	- -	- -	- 1	1 5
Hypertensive disease	M F	- -	- -	- 1	1 2

Ischaemic Heart disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	7	6	14	29
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	12	20
Other forms of heart disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
Cerebrovascular disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	9	13
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	13	17
Other diseases of circulatory system	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	6	10
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3
Influenza	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Pneumonia	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	11	12
Bronchitis & Emphysema	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	10
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intestinal Obstruction & hernia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Cirrhosis of liver	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other diseases of digestive system	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Congenital anomalies	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Motor Vehicle accidents	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4
All other accidents	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	4
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Suicide & self-inflicted injuries	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	7	20	53	113
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	10	50	95

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF VITAL STATISTICS

	1969	1968	1967	1957	1927
LIVE BIRTHS	No.	343	360	342	327
	Crude Rate	17.3	18.2	17.8	15.6
	Adj. Rate	19.4	20.4	19.9	17.47
INFANT DEATHS	No.	3	4	6	9
	Rate	9	11	17.5	20.98
MATERNAL DEATHS	No.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
	Rate	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTAL DEATHS	No.	208	204	201	181
	Crude Rate	10.5	10.3	10.5	9.8
	Adj. Rate	9.5	9.3	9.3	8.7
POPULATION (Estimated mid-year)	19,880	19,740	19,230	18,550	9,661

SECTION C

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious and other Diseases

(1) Notifiable Diseases

Notifications of the following infectious diseases
were received during the year.

Disease	Total all ages	Under lyr.	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 60	Over 60
Infective Hepatitis	11	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	1	5	-
Measles	91	5	1	8	13	11	46	5	2	-	-
Scarlet Fever	13	-	-	-	-	3	9	-	-	1	-
Shigella Boydii ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Shigella Sonnei ...	22	3	2	3	4	-	1	-	6	3	-
Tuberculosis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Whooping Cough	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	3	7	1	-	-	-	-
Measles	23	19	19	10	10	3	1	-	-	1	1	4
Scarlet Fever	1	2	3	-	1	-	2	-	2	2	-	-
Shigella Boydii ...	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shigella Sonnei ...	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-

SECTION D

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

I am indebted to the Council's Engineer and Surveyor (Mr. J.S.Y. Molineux) for the following report which relates to the position at the 31st December, 1969.

Newport Sewage Disposal Works

Construction of these new works was completed during the year enabling the old inadequate sewage disposal works to be dismantled.

Hempstead and Great Sampford Sewerage Scheme

This scheme is progressing well and should come into operation early in 1970.

Radwinter Sewerage Scheme

All sewage flows from Radwinter will be pumped to Great Sampford sewage disposal works for treatment. Construction is virtually complete and flows will be diverted to Great Sampford as soon as this scheme becomes operative early in 1970. The completion of this work will enable a small sewage disposal works to be dismantled.

Elmdon and Chrishall Sewerage Scheme

Both these schemes are still with the Ministry for consideration although problems have arisen due to difficulties in purchasing land for two pumping stations.

Elsenham, Henham and Ugley Sewerage Scheme

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government will hold a Local Public Inquiry on Thursday, 29th January 1970 in respect of this sewerage scheme.

Wicken Bonhunt Sewerage Scheme

The scheme for the drainage of this village is still with the Ministry for consideration.

Little Chesterford Sewerage Scheme

A scheme for the drainage of this village is still with the Ministry for consideration.

Hadstock Sewerage Scheme

A scheme for the drainage of this village is still with the Ministry for consideration.

Widdington Sewerage Scheme

A scheme for the drainage of this village has been submitted to the Ministry for approval.

General

The Rural District comes within the areas of the Lee Conservancy Catchment Board, the Great Ouse River Authority

and the Essex River Authority. The Catchment Board and River Authorities continue to exercise vigilance on the sampling of effluent discharged from the sewage disposal works to ensure that the Rural District Council complies with the high standard set by them.

H O U S I N G

The various types of dwellings forming the pool of Council houses enables the Council to deal with the two outstanding classes of applicant - elderly people living in unsuitable houses and young families in substandard houses or those without essential amenities. The follow-up action taken by the appropriate Committee ensures that such substandard dwellings are repaired and brought up to modern standards, before reoccupation, thus enlarging the pool of private accommodation available.

The new Housing Act, which came into operation towards the end of the year, will undoubtedly provide further encouragement to owners to improve and modernise both owner/occupied and rented properties.

TYPICAL RESULTS OF CHEMICAL ANALYSES OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES
(in parts per million)

TEST FOR	S O U R C E						
	Hempstead Works	Wenden Works	Henham Works	Newport Works	Linton Works (supplying Hadstock Parish)	Stansted Works	Elsenham Factory (Private supply)
Appearance.....	Clear & Bright	Clear & Bright	Very faint opalescence with a few particles	Bright with a few particles	Clear & Bright	Clear & Bright	Slight Opalescence with a few particles
Colour (Hazen).....	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Filtered: 12
Turbidity (A.P.H.A.)	Nil	Nil	less than 3	less than 3	Nil	Nil	30
Odour.....	Very faint chlorinous	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Faint H ₂ S
pH.....	7.1	7.1	7.8	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.3
Free CO ₂	45	50	8	37	28	30	33
Elect. Conductivity.	560	540	580	580	500	560	660
Total Solids.....	400	395	415	400	355	400	470
Cl. as Chloride....	22	19	15	20	19	19	19
Alkalinity (CaCO ₃).	275	285	250	275	245	255	310
Hardness (Total)....	320	310	310	325	275	310	295
" (Carbonate)	275	285	250	275	245	255	295
" (Non-carb.)	45	25	60	50	30	55	0
Nitrate Nitrogen....	3.7	5.2	1.6	7.4	9.4	7.0	1.2
Nitrite "	Absent	Absent	less than 0.01	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Ammoniacal Nitrogen.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.18
Albuminoid "	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Oxygen absorbed....	0.10	0.15	0.10	0.05	0.20	0.05	0.10
Residual Chlorine...	0.07	Absent	Absent	0.02	Absent	0.05	Absent
Metals.....	Absent	Absent	Iron 0.12 Other absent	Absent	Absent	Zinc 0.8 Other absent	Iron 2.8 Other absent

Bacteriological examinations: All supplies were sampled regularly for bacteriological examination, and where reports proved unsatisfactory, immediate action was taken.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1969
PREFACE

To the Chairman and Members of the Saffron Walden Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

My twenty-fourth annual report, in the pages which follow, gives a brief statement of the work carried out in my department during the year.

Practically all the functions with which we are concerned relate to prevention of the pollution of the environment and, with the recent formation of a permanent Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, we can expect widespread co-operation and research in this field. Such matters as refuse collection and disposal, drainage, disposal of liquid waste and housing improvement are all related to an improvement in environmental conditions.

The Housing Act 1969, which came into operation on 1st August, is a welcome addition to the legislation built up over the last three quarters of a century to improve the standard of housing throughout the country. Figures contained in the section of this report, relating to improvement grants, indicate the willingness of the Council to operate this scheme to its maximum extent.

The raising of the Standard Grant to a maximum of £450 and the Improvement (Discretionary) Grant to £1,000 should stimulate interest and increase the flow of applications.

The rehousing of those living in sub-standard dwellings and the steady progress made in the provision of main drainage will also assist in house improvements.

An increasing public awareness, coupled with legislation, add to the continual pressures on the department but the support of all members of my staff, co-operation from other Chief Officers and the continued confidence shewn by the Council, greatly assist in overcoming these.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. ARMES

Chief Public Health Inspector

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

for the year 1969

During the year 4,202 visits were carried out and these are classified below. (Figures for 1968 are shown, in brackets, for comparison).

Housing:

Inspections in connection with Slum Clearance, Repairs, Overcrowding, Improvement Grants, etc.....	662	(742)
Dwelling houses inspected in detail in connection with Slum Clearance, Improvement Grants, Rent Acts, etc..	167	(170)
Investigations and re-inspections regarding Council house applications.....	758	(496)
Inspections of Council houses regarding transfers, cleanliness, management, lodgers, etc.....	538	(491)

Public Health:

Inspections and revisits regarding Public Health Nuisances.....	113	(139)
Inspections regarding proposed new drainage.....	39	(48)
Inspections and revisits regarding defective drainage..	241	(316)
Inspections regarding proposed sewerage schemes, etc...	201	(457)
Inspections and revisits in connection with Moveable Dwellings.....	160	(100)
Visits regarding Infectious Diseases.....	56	(66)
Visits in connection with Refuse Collection and Disposal.....	618	(578)
Inspections regarding Water Supplies (other than visits for routine sampling).....	10	(24)
Number of Water Samples collected from main supplies, etc.....	99	(159)

Food Premises and Food Inspections:

Inspections of Food Shops, Restaurants, Canteens, Licensed Premises, School Kitchens, Dairies, etc....	178	(169)
Visits to Ice-Cream Premises.....	102	(172)

General:

Inspections of Factories, Offices, Shops, Outworkers' Premises, etc.....	85	(117)
Visits in connection with Rodent and Pest Control (not including Operator's Visits).....	93	(54)
Miscellaneous Visits (Swimming pools, Animal Boarding Establishments, etc., etc.).....	82	(79)
Total number of visits	4,202	(4,377)

The various sections of the work of the department are commented on in the pages which follow.

H O U S I N G

a) Housing demand and building programme:

In the 1968 Report, it was stated that, following the Eleventh Report of the Joint Housing Phasing Sub-Committee, meetings were to be held to consider comprehensive proposals for Newport and the Stansted area.

Subsequently it was provisionally agreed to construct 6 three-bedroomed type houses at Frambury Lane, Newport, and redevelop the Gaces Acre site with "sheltered accommodation" for the elderly and replacement of the existing prefabs and hostel bungalows.

In the Stansted area, it was agreed to provide 6 bungalows and 20 houses at Birchanger, 20 bungalows at Elsenham (to serve Elsenham, Henham and Ugley) and endeavour to purchase additional land at Stansted to rehouse occupiers of the prefabs and hostel bungalows.

The Joint Sub-Committee met early in 1970 to prepare their Twelfth Report based on the following Summary of information presented:-

Existing Council dwellings:

Four-bedroom type houses.....	12
Three-bedroom type houses.....	721
Two-bedroom type houses.....	110
One-bedroom type bungalows and flats.....	67
Two-bedroom type bungalows and flats.....	360
Total..	<u>1,270</u>

Total number of Applications for Housing Accommodation.... 483

Number of such Applicants considered as "Priority"

(This is determined after investigation of housing circumstances. Future programmes are based on this figure).

Overcrowded or "bedroom deficiency".....	-
Applicants (with children) sharing homes.....	27
Applicants (without children) sharing homes.....	12
Applicants occupying sub-standard houses.....	38
Applicants awaiting marriage.....	14
Elderly applicants unsatisfactorily housed.....	43
Miscellaneous (Eviction Orders, urgent medical reasons, etc.).....	8
	<u>142</u>

Programme already in hand:-

	<u>Bungalows</u>	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dwellings under construction or approved.....	42	32	74

Subsequently the Council approved the Sub-Committee's recommendation to provide an additional 30 bungalows in various parishes.

During 1969, the number of dwellings completed or under construction was as follows:-

Number of Council dwellings <u>completed</u> during 1969.....	41
Number of Council dwellings <u>under construction</u> at <u>31.12.69</u>	24
Number of private dwellings <u>completed</u> during 1969.....	75
Number of private dwellings <u>under construction</u> at <u>31.12.69</u>	163

b) Selection of Tenants

During the year, the Tenancy Committee dealt with tenancy selection in respect of 57 new dwellings and 35 existing dwellings falling vacant. Each applicant's position is carefully assessed from the up-to-date reports presented following investigation and "follow-up" visits. The Committee also takes into consideration "under-occupation" of existing houses and applications for transfers and exchanges.

Tenants selected during the year were chosen on the following grounds:-

Sharing homes.....	2
Bad housing conditions.....	39
Elderly people unsatisfactorily housed.....	19
Bedroom deficiency.....	3
Eviction Orders or Formal "Notices to Quit".....	16
On medical grounds.....	4
Homeless families.....	1
Transfers and Exchanges.....	38

Details of 38 Transfers and Exchanges

From one-bedroomed dwelling to two-bedroomed dwelling....	1
From two-bedroomed dwelling to bedsitter flatlet.....	1
From two-bedroomed dwelling to two-bedroomed dwelling (more suitable).....	7
From two-bedroomed dwelling to three-bedroomed dwelling..	8
From three-bedroomed dwelling to two-bedroomed dwelling	14
From three-bedroomed dwelling to three-bedroomed dwelling (more suitable).....	6
From four bedroomed dwelling to two-bedroomed dwelling....	1

189 new applications for housing accommodation were received during the year. These were categorised, after investigation, as follows:-

Lack of amenities.....	51
Sharing homes.....	20
To be nearer employment.....	3
Occupying "tied" cottages.....	47
Under "Notice to Quit".....	11
Bad housing (disrepair, etc.).....	20
Awaiting marriage.....	17
Elderly people unsatisfactorily housed.....	10
Occupying temporary accommodation.....	2
Miscellaneous.....	8

51 existing tenants made application for transfer to other accommodation more suitable for their needs.

286 names were removed from the list of applicants for the following reasons:-

Removed from district.....	33
Found other accommodation.....	7
Purchased own houses.....	13
Housed by other local authorities.....	15
Deceased.....	4
Applications withdrawn.....	8
Refused to accept tenancy.....	2
No reply to "follow up" circular.....	78
Granted transfer or exchange.....	42
Granted tenancies.....	84

c) Council House Management

84 Council tenants were authorised to take lodgers, permission only being granted where investigation showed that overcrowding or other unsatisfactory housing conditions would not be caused. An additional weekly charge of 5/-d. is payable but certain tenants are exempt (i.e. pensioners) in accordance with regulations.

8 tenants were warned regarding non-compliance with Tenancy Agreements (cleanliness, decoration, etc.), but in each case such informal action brought about an improvement.

In collaboration with the Welfare Department of the Essex County Council, a number of adaptations were carried out at dwellings occupied by blind or disabled persons.

d) Action taken under the Housing Acts

Action taken by the Housing, Sub-Standard Properties, Committee to bring about repair, closure or demolition of unfit dwellings was as follows (figures for 1968 in brackets):-

Number of Informal Repair Notices served.....	27	(32)
Number of Informal Notices complied with.....	20	(30)
Number of houses fully surveyed for housing defects.....	167	(170)
Number of Statutory Repair Notices served (Section 9).....	17	(12)
Number of houses rendered fit after service of Statutory Notices.....	5	(9)
Number of Demolition or Closing Orders made.....	1	(1)
Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders: (a) By owners.....	-	(3)
(b) By R.D.C.....	-	(1)
Number of Demolition Orders replaced by Closing Orders.....	-	(-)
Number of houses voluntarily demolished by owners following informal action or acceptance of Undertakings.....	1	(1)
Number of houses included in Clearance Orders confirmed during the year.....	-	(-)
Number of houses demolished in consequence of Clearance Orders.....	-	(-)

Houses in existing Clearance Areas revoked under Section 24, Housing Act, 1961.....	-	(-)
Number of Undertakings accepted from owners (Section 16, Housing Act, 1957).....	30	(14)
Number of dwellings rendered fit after acceptance of Undertakings.....	9	(10)
Number of families rehoused from dwellings included above.....	47	(27)
Number of persons rehoused from dwellings included above.....	102	(68)

(Note: The above figures do not include other properties improved in connection with Improvement Grants - see Paragraph (f)).

e) Housing Acts - "Slum Clearance Programme"

Progress made in connection with action regarding unfit dwellings since 1945 is shown below (figures in brackets show the position at the end of 1968):-

(i) Houses subject to Demolition Orders and Closing Orders.....	8	(8)
(ii) Houses demolished after issue of Demolition Orders and Closing Orders.....	30	(30)
(iii) Houses subject to Undertakings accepted from owners (Section 16).....	128	(108)
(iv) Houses rendered fit after acceptance of Undertakings.....	149	(122)
(v) Houses voluntarily demolished by owners following action under the Housing Acts.....	54	(53)
(vi) Houses in existing Clearance Areas demolished..	9	(9)
(vii) Houses in existing Clearance Areas regarded as demolished and reconstructed or Orders revoked.....	32	(31)
(viii) Demolition and Closing Orders revoked after dwellings rendered fit.....	12	(11)
(ix) Houses in existing Clearance Areas.....	5	(6)
Total number of properties dealt with up to 31st December, 1969.....	<u>427</u>	<u>(378)</u>

The number of unfit properties included in the returns submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government in 1955 and 1965 totalled..... 425

f) Improvement Grants

The Housing Act 1969, which came into operation at the end of August of that year, provides greater incentives to property owners to improve dwelling houses and provide modern amenities.

Under earlier legislation, the maximum grant for conversion or improvement was £400 and that for the provision of standard amenities was £155 or in some cases £350 (where it became necessary to build on a bathroom, provide a septic tank, and lay on main water). The new Act raises the Discretionary Improvement or Conversion Grant to a maximum of £1,000 (£1,200 for conversion of a property with three or more storeys) and, moreover, permits certain repairs and

replacements to be included for Grant-aid.

The maximum Standard Grant is increased to £200 or, in the circumstances outlined above, to £450 maximum.

In addition, conditions formerly made applicable to properties for a period of 3 years from grant payment are removed and, in the case of properties let at "controlled" rents, landlords can apply for "decontrol" where such properties satisfy the "fitness" test.

Whilst the new legislation was pending would-be applicants withheld their applications until the Act came into force. Those who had applied but had not commenced the work were informed that they could make new applications and take advantage of the bigger grants.

The Council decided to continue its policy of encouraging owners to improve properties by giving the maximum grants possible and the latter months of the year were spent in coping with the ~~ensuing~~ flow of enquiries and applications.

The following tables show (1) details of grants dealt with during the year under both old and new legislation and (2) progress made since the inception of the schemes for both Discretionary and Standard Grants.

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

1) Progress during year 1st January, 1969 to 31st December, 1969

	<u>Legislation prior to Housing Act 1969</u>	<u>Housing Act 1969</u>
Number of applications received.....	22	25
Number of grants approved..... (11 owner occupied properties 18 tenanted)	28	1
Total "Approved Expenses" incurred by owners in approved schemes.....	£30,451	£1,281
Total sum of Grants approved.....	£9,658	£640
Number of schemes completed.....	36	-
Total sum of Grants paid.....	£11,748	-
Average Grant per dwelling.....	£326	-

2) Progress from commencement of scheme to 31st December, 1969

Number of applications received.....	616	25
Number of grants approved..... (289 owner/occupied 316 tenanted)	604	1
Total "Approved Expenses" incurred by owners in approved schemes.....	£441,642	£1,281
Total sum of Grants approved.....	£183,256	£640
Number of schemes completed..... (one scheme dealt with 18 dwellings)	537	-
Total sum of Grants paid.....	£165,655	-

STANDARD GRANTS

1) Progress during year 1st January, 1969 to 31st December, 1969

	<u>Legislation prior to Housing Act 1969</u>	<u>Housing Act 1969.</u>
Number of applications received.....	25	11
Number of grants approved..... (21 owner/occupied - 6 tenanted)	24	3
Number of schemes completed.....	35	-
Total sum of Grants paid.....	£7,313	-

Amenities provided in the completed schemes:-

Baths.....	31	Water Closets.....	33
Wash-hand basins.....	34	Ventilated food stores..	33
Hot water supplies.....	34	Piped water supplies....	2

2) Progress from commencement of scheme to 31st December, 1969

	<u>Legislation prior to Housing Act 1969</u>	<u>Housing Act 1969.</u>
Number of applications received.....	293	11
Number of grants approved..... (225 owner/occupied - 66 tenanted)	282	3
Number of schemes completed.....	224	-
Total sum of Grants paid.....	£36,352	

Amenities provided in the completed schemes:-

Baths.....	192	Water Closets.....	205
Wash-hand basins.....	202	Ventilated food stores.	159
Hot water supplies.....	212	Piped water supplies...	9

g) Rent Act (Certificates of Disrepair)

No action had to be taken under this legislation during the year.

M O V E A B L E D W E L L I N G S

When applications for Planning Permission in respect of caravans are made they are also investigated by this department so that information is available when successful applicants approach the Council for licences under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

At the end of the year 3 licences relating to individual caravans were in force under the latter Act, and 3 sites licensed for more than one caravan; 2 of these were in respect of holiday camping sites.

No site has yet been acquired by the County Council to implement the Caravan Sites Act 1968, which provided for the acquisition of sites by County Councils to provide adequate accommodation for gipsies residing in or resorting to the area.

W A T E R S U P P L I E S

Main water supplies throughout the area are the responsibility of the Lee Valley Water Company who carry out a regular sampling programme to check on the purity of water. In addition, samples are submitted, by this department, for bacteriological and chemical examination, and this procedure is also carried out in connection with a private supply to a group of dwellings remote from the public mains.

The table below indicates the sampling programme carried out and results obtained.

Supply	No. of Samples submitted for Bacteriological Examination.	Number Complying with Standard.	Number found not to comply with Standard.
Stansted Area (Stansted Works)	12	12	-
Southern Area (Henham Works)	17	17	-
Central Area (Newport Works)	15	15	-
Western Area (Wenden Works)	13	13	-
Eastern Area (Hempstead Works)	17	17	-
Hadstock (South Cambs.R.D.C.)	7	7	-
Elsenham (Private Supply)	18	16	2
Totals:	99	97	2

3 private wells supplying water to individual dwellings were sampled; following an unsatisfactory laboratory report, the owner concerned provided a main supply.

Swimming Pools

There are no public swimming pools in the district.

The 2 pools at educational establishments are sampled and controlled by the Essex County Council.

S E W E R A G E A N D D R A I N A G E

At the end of the year approval was still awaited for the sewerage schemes prepared for the parishes of Wicken Bonhunt, Widdington, Little Chesterford and Hadstock.

The schemes at Great Sampford, Hempstead and Radwinter were proceeded with and the Council agreed to carry out an extension of the sewer at Hempstead.

A report was prepared in connection with the proposed cesspool emptying service which will be considered by the Council when the extensions to the Stansted Sewage Works have been completed.

47 informal notices were issued in respect of drainage defects, overflowing septic tanks, etc., and, in every case, early attention was given to the matter by the owner concerned.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

It was decided to advertise for tenders in connection with the continuance of refuse collection by contract which has proved satisfactory since its inception. With the projected renewal of the contract in 1970, it is proposed to take the opportunity to centralise disposal at the Widdington tip; this will bring about the closure of the 3 small tips now operated at Wenden Lofts, Little Chesterford and Stansted.

The special collection service was continued to meet the demand of householders requiring the removal of large disused articles resulting in the collection of 130 loads during the year at a cost of £405.

With the provision of main drainage at Great Chesterford and Littlebury, the 'night soil' collection service was withdrawn. Unfortunately, the private scheme operated by contractors also ceased due to the inability of firms to recruit labour for this work.

Only 5 abandoned vehicles had to be dealt with during the year, but this is probably due to the fact that arrangements have been made with a contractor to collect such vehicles at a small charge.

Litter baskets are provided throughout the area in co-operation with Parish Councils and are emptied regularly by the refuse contractors.

Waste paper salvaged and baled during the year totalled:
35 tons 16 cwts and was sold for £365. 0s. 0d.

R O D E N T C O N T R O L

A part-time rodent operator is employed to carry out free treatment at private dwellings and regularly treat refuse tips, sewage works, etc. Sewers are also regularly test-baited to detect rat infestation which is immediately dealt with.

Where business premises are treated, the full cost is charged; agricultural premises are not serviced by the Council. It was necessary to ask three farmers to deal with rat infestations discovered on agricultural land. A summary of rodent control work during the year is shown in the following table (previous year's figures in brackets):-

	Type of Property	
	Non/Agricultural	Agricultural
Number of properties inspected following notification	346 (327)	1 (-)
Number of properties inspected for other reasons	71 (27)	2 (2)
Number infested by:- a) RATS ..	376 (303)	3 (2)
b) MICE ..	32 (35)	- (-)
Number of premises treated by Rodent Operator	381 (326)	- (-)

The destruction of 64 wasps' nests was carried out on request by householders whenever this was possible, a charge of 10/-d being made in each case.

FACTORIES ACTS

Details of factories registered and inspections made, etc., are given in the following tables.

3 outworkers were included in lists received under Section 110 - the dwellings occupied by outworkers were visited during the year.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	4	-	-
Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	56	20	2	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	6	6	-	-
Total:	67	30	2	-

2. CASES in which defects were found

Particulars	No. of Cases in which Defects were found				No. of Cases in which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S 1).....	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S 2).....	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S 3).....	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S 4).....	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S 6)..	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S 7):					
a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b) unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	2	-
c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).....	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:	2	2	-	2	-

FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES

a) MEAT INSPECTION

There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the District; meat supplies are obtained from wholesale suppliers outside the area.

b) MILK AND ICE-CREAM

Milk production is controlled by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and licensing and supervision of pasteurisation plants and of dealers in Designated Milk is dealt with by the Essex County Council.

Visits were paid to each of the Milk Distributors and Dairies registered by the District Council and conditions were found to be satisfactory.

89 vendors of ice-cream are registered by the District Council under the Essex County Council Act, all ice-cream retailed being pre-wrapped by the manufacturers.

88 samples of ice-cream were collected at random from retailers' premises and submitted to the Cambridge Public Health Laboratory. Results were classified as follows:-

M.H. Provisional Grade I.....	82
M.H. Provisional Grade II.....	6
M.H. Provisional Grade III.....	-
M.H. Provisional Grade IV.....	-

c) OTHER FOODS

Subsequent to notification by wholesalers and retailers, the following foodstuffs were surrendered on being found unfit for human consumption; steps were taken to ensure that such food was properly destroyed:-

Butchers' Meat.....	291 lbs.
Ice-cream.....	71 Packets
Frozen Foods.....	236 lbs.
Various canned foods.....	395 lbs.

There is one small water cress grower in the District; samples of cress and water from the beds and stream proved to be satisfactory.

Frequent visits were paid to a bacon curing establishment; structural improvements were carried out on advice and methods of handling and storage were improved. Large containerised consignments of imported bacon were regularly inspected in accordance with the Imported Food Regulations.

Consignments of food arriving at Stansted Airport were inspected and detained where necessary pending detailed examination. Such consignments included capsicums, courgettes, chillies, tomatoes, jaggery and ginger. One large consignment of tomatoes which appeared to be contaminated with insecticide were detained until the Analyst's report on samples was received. Subsequently, the vegetable was cleared but arrangements were consequently made by the importers for washing the tomatoes at the country of origin.

An Analyst's report was also obtained on imported canned tomatoes but this proved satisfactory and only "blown" or leaking cans were rejected.

Several complaints were investigated regarding "foreign bodies" in foodstuffs; these include rolls of silver foil in milk, salt bags in bacon and cigarette remains in a loaf; a prosecution was authorised in the latter case.

d) FOOD PREMISES, RESTAURANTS, CANTEENS, ETC:

There are 178 food premises in the District classified as follows:-

Butchers' Shops.....	7
General Stores (grocery and provisions).....	51
Bakehouses.....	3
Bakers' and Confectioners' Shops.....	2
Sweet Shops.....	6
Greengrocers.....	1
Fishmongers.....	1
Poultry Dressing Depots.....	1
Bacon Curing Establishments.....	1
Wholesale Provision Merchants.....	1
Cafés, Restaurants and premises serving meals.....	15
Canteens.....	4
Licensed Premises.....	63
School Kitchens and Central Cooking Depots.....	5
Schools serving meals.....	16
Preserve manufacture.....	1

10 of the above premises are registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act for the preparation or manufacture of sausages or preserved food, etc.

All food premises were visited as often as possible and action was taken during the year to deal with the following contraventions:-

Repairs to floors, walls, etc.....	2
Need for re-decoration.....	4
Insufficient or unsatisfactory toilet facilities.....	4
Insufficient or unsatisfactory washing facilities.....	7
Lack of cleanliness.....	4
Unsatisfactory ventilation.....	3
Unsatisfactory washing-up facilities.....	2
Unsatisfactory provision for refuse and kitchen waste.	4
Mobile food vending vans improved.....	1

Numerous visits were paid to a turkey processing plant in the area and improvements were carried out in accordance with advice.

Premises at Stansted Airport used for "flight catering" (preparation of meals for consumption on aircraft) called for special attention and regular visits.

I N F E C T I O U S D I S E A S E S

Investigations were carried out in connection with small outbreaks of infectious hepatitis and Shigella Sonne and appropriate action taken and advice given in co-operation with the Medical Officer

of Health. Action was also necessary in connection with a report received regarding budgerigars suspected of conveying psittacosis.

THE OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The inspection of premises registered under this Act continued throughout the year and the following are extracts from the Report forwarded to the Minister of Labour under Section 60 of the Act:-

TABLE A - REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Offices	7	21	9
Retail shops	1	30	7
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	3	2
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	1	5	6
Fuel Storage depots	-	1	-
Totals	9	60	24

TABLE B - NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES - 53

(in addition 8 visits were paid to premises which were found to be outside the scope of the Act).

TABLE C - ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY
WORKPLACE:-

Class of workplace	Number of persons employed
(1)	(2)
Offices	303
Retail shops	98
Wholesale departments, warehouses	51
Catering establishments open to the public	23
Canteens	11
Fuel storage depots	4
Total	490
Total Males	306
Total Females	184

TABLE D - EXEMPTIONS:-

PARTS I - IV (space (Sec. 5(2)), temperature (Sec. 6),
sanitary conveniences (Sec. 9), washing
facilities (Sec. 10)) :- NIL

TABLE E - PROSECUTIONS:- NIL

Number of inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5)
of the Act 3

Number of other staff employed for most of their time
on work in connection with the Act Nil

Analysis of Contraventions found:-

Section 4 - Want of cleanliness..... 3

" 6 - Unsatisfactory temperature or absence
of proper thermometers..... 7

" 7 - Unsatisfactory ventilation..... 1

" 8 - Inadequate lighting..... 2

" 9 - Unsuited or inadequate sanitary
conveniences..... 5

" 10 - Unsuited or inadequate washing
facilities..... 2

" 12 - Absence of suitable clothing
accommodation..... 4

" 16 - Unsatisfactory floors, passages or
stairs..... 3

Analysis of Contraventions found (Continued from previous page):-

Section 17	- Inadequate fencing of machinery.....	2
" 24	- Inadequate First-Aid facilities.....	6
	Failure to provide the requisite information to employees.....	11
	Total contraventions....	<u>46</u>

17 Preliminary Notices were served in respect of these contraventions and 13 such Notices were complied with by the end of the year.

Two notifiable accidents were reported during the year - these were investigated but, apart from advice, action was not deemed necessary.

M I S C E L L A N E O U S

3 Licences were renewed under the Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963, after reinspections of the premises concerned.

1 Licence was renewed under the Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order concerning the boiling of waste food for animal feeding.

Infestations caused by Cockroaches, Crickets, Flies, Bed Bugs, Ants, Cluster-Fly and Fleas were investigated and advice given regarding suitable disinfecting agents.

2 boiler installation proposals were submitted for "prior approval" under the Clean Air Acts; after examination, approval was given to the plants and the proposed chimney heights.

Nuisance complaints relating to bonfires, liquid manure spraying, piggeries, corn driers (dust and fumes), scrap metal, and refuse dumping were investigated and action taken.

A serious noise nuisance arising from a pumphouse in a block of flats was abated after informal action.

Reports on 4 elderly people living alone were passed to the Medical Officer of Health for action.

A full report on the inadequate sanitary facilities at a school was referred to the School Medical Officer.

Suitable action was taken regarding the accidental spraying of garden vegetables by pesticidal agents from an aircraft.

Lectures on environmental health were given at 3 educational establishments.

Reports in connection with Searches under the Land Charges Act respecting 791 properties were forwarded to the Clerk of the Council.

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